

**COMMISSION DECISION
C(2009)7483 of 02/10/2009**

**on the Annual Action Programme 2009 in favour of Egypt to be financed under Article
19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council¹ laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), and in particular Article 12 thereof,

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for 2007 - 2013 and the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2010², which indicates the priorities of supporting Egypt's social agenda and reforms, in particular ensuring the sustainability of the development process, and developing the competitiveness and productivity of the Egyptian economy,
- (2) The objectives pursued by the 2009 Annual Action Programme are to support initiatives on good governance, rural development, and to advance in reforms in the health sector,
- (3) The present decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities³ and Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁴.
- (4) The contribution should cover any possible interest due for late payment on the basis of articles 83 of the Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 and 106(5) of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002.
- (5) The Commission is required to define the term "substantial change" in the meaning of Article 90 (4) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 to ensure that any substantial change in this decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial decision.
- (6) The Commission has ensured that the management system set up by the Programme Administration Office (PAO) within the Egyptian Ministry of International Co-

¹ OJ L 310/1 of 9.11.2006

² C(2007)672

³ OJ L 248 of 16.09.2002 p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 357 of 31.12.2002, p.1.

operation to which the implementation of the programme "Support to the implementation of the Action Plan" for the management of Community funds complies with the conditions provided for in article 56-2 of the Financial Regulation and article 35 of the regulation (EC, Euratom) n°2342/2002 of the Commission with regard to the actions implemented under fully decentralised management.

- (7) The measures provided for in this decision are in accordance with the opinion of the ENPI Committee as set out in Article 26 of Regulation (EEC) No 1638/2006,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annual Action Programme in favour of Egypt, constituted by the actions "*Health Sector Policy Support Programme - II*", "*Support to the Implementation of the Action Plan Programme and the Association Agreement (SAAP III)*" and "*Support to Rural Development*" the text of which is set out in the attached Annexes, is approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the Community to the Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 140 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2009.

This contribution shall also cover any possible interest due for late payment.

Article 3

Within the global indicative budget of all the specific actions, cumulated changes not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the Community, shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the Annual Action Programme.

The authorising officer may introduce non substantial changes to the Annual Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Article 4

The management system set up by the beneficiary country for the management of Community funds for the action "Support to the implementation of the Action Plan" complies with the conditions for decentralised management, as indicated in the table attached as Appendix to the concerned action fiche. The financial implementation tasks related to this action can thus be entrusted to the authorities of the beneficiary country.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
Benita FERRERO-WALDNER
Member of the Commission

ANNEXES

Annual Action Programme (Egypt):

Annex 1: Health Sector Policy Support Programme - II

Annex 2: Support to the Implementation of the Action Plan Programme and the Association Agreement (SAAP III)

Annex 3: Support to Rural Development